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AG Bruning: Omaha Handgun Registration Does Not Apply to Concealed Carry Permit Holders

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today issued an opinion finding that Omaha’s city ordinance requiring handguns to be registered does not apply to anyone with a state-recognized concealed handgun permit.

“The Legislature clearly intended the concealed carry permit process to be stringent,” Bruning said. “If you go through the steps to obtain a permit, there’s no reason for cities to make you jump through additional hoops.”

Nebraskans must undergo a background check, firearms training and fingerprinting, and submit a photograph and \$100 to obtain a concealed handgun permit.

The Concealed Handgun Permit Act, as amended by LB430 in 2009, pre-empts municipal bans on the carrying of concealed handguns. The Omaha ordinance, which prohibits the possession of unregistered concealable firearms, violates this pre-emption as it applies to those who possess a valid carry permit recognized by Nebraska.

The opinion was sought by State Sen. Mark Christensen, who introduced legislation (LB 1033) this session barring cities from requiring permit holders to register their handguns.

Cities may continue to regulate concealed firearm possession and registration for those who do not possess a valid carry permit.

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